



**Dear District 10 Friends & Residents,**

January was a fantastic month for the City of San Jose! Not only was it a great month here at City Hall, with the announcement of Mayor Reed's Green Vision Implementation Plan during his State of the City Address, it was also a great month in District 10. I am incredibly proud of an event that was hosted by my office during the last part of January, the Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk and Senior Resource Fair (WOWW). Not only did we have a tremendous turnout from Seniors across the City, we also had incredible support from local non-profit partners who really made the event a knock-out success. I would like to take a moment to give special thanks to Westfield Oakridge and General Manager J.B. Schutte for hosting the event, the City of San Jose's Office on Aging for their knowledge and insight, the South Valley Family YMCA, Kaiser Permanente and Times Media for their continuing support for events in the District 10 community.

Let me start by saying the Winter Walk was a huge success, we had over 250 individuals out at 9:00 am to take part in a morning of walking, learning and more. We kicked off the event with a healthy breakfast for which I'd like to thank Starbucks and Jamba Juice. Following registration and the complimentary breakfast, the walk started promptly at 9:15 a.m., featuring activity stations coordinated by Kaiser Permanente and the South Valley YMCA. A short course and a long course helped participants walk at the perfect pace, with activity stations that focused on upper-body strength, balance, and chair exercises. Additional activities at the Senior resource fair were incredible, with representatives from over thirty organizations including Kaiser, the YMCA, AARP, the San Jose Senior Commission, Health Trust Meals on Wheels, the Metropolitan Adult Education Program, the SJPd, the SJFD, Master Gardeners of SCC, Heart of the Valley, Yellow Cab, Times Media Group and many others.

Following the walk, WOWW culminated with series of cool down and stretching exercises and a fabulous drawing for some great prizes like tickets to the SAP Tennis Open, YMCA memberships and Westfield giftcards!

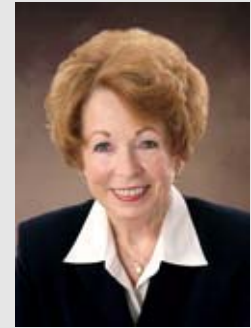


Staying healthy, whether a senior or a youth, is critical to our community's wellbeing. I would like to encourage everyone to get out and get active! If you are a senior, be sure to visit the [Kaiser Permanente website](http://www.kaiserpermanente.org) and take a look at some of the fantastic information they have provided! Thank you to all of the residents, resource fair participants, and non-profit groups that made the first annual WOWW such a success! Have a fantastic February and I hope to see all of you again next January for even more engaging exercise and enlightenment!

Best Wishes,

Nancy Pyle  
 Councilmember, District Ten

## February 2008 Issue



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San Jose residents sign up for the first annual Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk and Senior Resource Fair. The Sears Courtyard was host to over 30 different organizations providing useful and fascinating information to the walk participants.

## Citywide Update

- **City Clerk's Office chosen as *Vote by Mail* Site**

The City of San Jose Office of the City Clerk is an official "Vote by Mail" ballot collection site for the upcoming February 5th, 2008 Presidential Election. Santa Clara County absentee voters can save postage and drop off their ballots in the box located on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Wing between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, including Election Day.

- **City of San Jose Elections Commission Opening**

San Jose is accepting applications for a vacant position on the city's Election Commission. The Elections Commission investigates complaints regarding election procedures and takes enforcement actions. Once filled, the seat's term will last until March 1, 2011. The deadline to apply is February 8th. For more information or to apply online, visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk) and click on "Elections Commission" in the lower left corner.

- **S.J. Unified Announces Allen at Steinbeck Transition To K-8**

After two years of in-depth research and strong community involvement, San Jose Unified's Board of Education voted on December 13th, 2007 to transition Allen at Steinbeck to a K-8 school. The transformation will begin this Fall with a sixth grade class of approximately 62 students. The school, located at 820 Steinbeck Dr., San Jose 95123, will add a grade each following year, culminating with a student population of approximately 180 students in grade 6-8. The Allen at Steinbeck K-8 will give parents and students an opportunity to choose an alternative educational setting to the traditional middle school.

- **S.J.P.D. Update**

On December 31, 2007, the San Jose Police Department Traffic Enforcement Unit set up a DUI checkpoint on South 1st Street at Hwy 280 from 9:30 pm to 3:30 am. The checkpoint resulted in 1,683 screened vehicles, 13 'on-view' DUI arrests, three DUI arrests, 18 'unlicensed driver' citations, 8 'driving-on-a-suspended-license' citations and 33 impounded vehicles.

SJPD Narcotics Covert Investigation Unit completed an identity theft investigation with the arrest of a wanted parolee. The suspect admitted to being the leader of an identity theft organization which included 30 members. Preliminary investigation of the suspect's computer and the evidence revealed his possible participation in over 20 burglaries, 200 stolen identities, and the purchase of over \$500,000 worth of stolen property in the past two months. The investigation results appear to show that the suspect apparently "hacked" into various Hurricane Katrina relief funds and transferred money to himself and others completely undetected.

## Make An Impact in District 10!



*Thinking of ways to get involved in our community?  
For more information please contact the District 10  
Office at (408) 535-4910*

### ***SeniorNet at Almaden has Another Great Registration!***

The most recent registration period for Almaden's SeniorNet **set a new all time record in the number of seats offered to the intermediate/ advanced students** (256 vs. the previous high of 240) and the number of equivalent students at registration (182 vs. the previous high of 171).

Classes offered include Managing Files, Word 1, Basic Tips and Techniques, Greeting Card Magic, Photoshop Elements 5.0, Digital Video Editing, Quicken, Online Scrapbooks, Downloading, Digital Camera and many more that are listed on the SeniorNet website. Visit <http://www.snlsj.org/almaden> for openings in the current courses or check out new and upcoming course offerings that will be posted towards the end of February.

Currently 11 of the 18 classes are full, but there are several courses still available that will begin in early February. **Those interested are encouraged to call Don House at 268-1703 for more information.**

## **Hat's Off to the following individuals & groups for the month of February!**

- **Congratulations to the San Jose Fire Department.** On January 29th, Councilmember Pyle and Vice-Mayor Dave Cortese honored the men and



- **Housing Developer Visits from China**

On January 8th, Housing Department staff hosted a visit with Wen-Chao Wu, a housing developer from the Changsha Municipal Urban Construction and Development Corporation in Changsha, Hunan Province, China. Mr. Wen-Chao, who is the organization's manager, is attending a three-month training program at San Jose State University in Public Administration. He was joined on his visit by Mandarin translators. Staff answered questions regarding the development of housing for low-income individuals, including the roles of the public and private sectors, financing structures, and housing types. The visitors commented on the number of single-story buildings, a rare sight in Changsha where current developments are 17 to 30-stories high.

- **Airport Update**

Plans for the upgraded airport roadway system include two new bridges that will improve traffic flow at the New Airport. The north bridge will be located between the North Concourse and Terminal A, separating traffic and allowing the new Terminal A bypass. That bypass will let drivers go directly to Terminal B in the future. The south bridge on Airport Boulevard, south of Skyport Drive, will separate traffic returning to the terminal area or leaving the airport. After the north bridge pile driving is completed in late February, the work will move to the south bridge site for another month of pile driving.

Southwest Airlines will add three new daily nonstop flights between San Jose and Denver beginning May 10, 2008 and will discontinue two SJC daily flights to Southern California. With these changes, Southwest now will offer 75 daily nonstop departures from San Jose to 12 cities.

Effective as of January 15th, the daily maximum rate at the new parking lot south of Terminal C baggage claim building will increase to \$40. The Airport's goal is to encourage daily and long-term parkers to use either the Terminal A garage, which continues at a maximum of \$30/ day, or the parking area on the west side of the airport, which remains \$15/ day. The hourly parking rate for the new lot will remain at the current \$3/hour, the same as at other Airport parking facilities.

- **Accounts Receivable Amnesty Program**

On January 21, the City's Finance Department launched a one-time, 90-day amnesty program for certain accounts receivable invoices. January 21, 2008 through March 21, 2008, the City will provide a 30% discount on the unpaid balance of invoices (this includes all penalties and interest) that are delinquent 365 days or more, providing the customer pays the remaining balance in full. The types of billings that are subject to amnesty program include Recycle Plus accounts, Citations (excluding parking tickets), Property Damage, Disturbance Fees, and Non-sufficient Funds Checks. More information is available on the City's website.

- **American Red Cross Real Heroes Nominations**

Know a real hero who has saved someone's life? Nominate him or her for a American Red Cross Santa Clara Valley's Real Heroes Award. Each year, the local Red Cross chapter recognizes local individuals for saving lives in nine categories. Nominations must be received by March 13th. For more information on how to nominate someone and category listings, please visit [www.santaclaravalley.redcross.org](http://www.santaclaravalley.redcross.org).

women of the San Jose Fire Department who heroically assisted in fighting the series of wildfires that began burning across Southern California in October of 2007. Tragically causing 14 deaths, charring more than 508,000 acres of land, and destroying nearly 1,600 homes before being contained, these brave men and women selflessly fought to protect our neighboring communities and keep many families safe.



- **Congratulations to Holy Spirit Elementary.** During the week of January 27th through February 2nd, Holy Spirit celebrated Catholic Education Week, marking their 8th year as an education institution committed to character, compassion, and values which are virtues that all of the students at Holy Spirit School strive for daily.



- **Hats off to the Almaden Kiwanis Club and Leland High School Key Club.** Jim and Carla Lucarotti, along with Almaden Kiwanis President Chris Verburg accepted the Mayor's Good Neighbor Award for District 10 at the annual State of the City address and breakfast in early January. **Almaden Valley Kiwanis is going to celebrate their 20th year of community service this coming September.** They sponsor the Key Clubs at Leland and Pioneer High School and the K Kids club at

## District 10 Announcements, Highlights & Events

Don't accept  
**imitations.**

3rd Annual Santa "Claws" Crab Feed  
*A fundraiser benefiting the San Jose Holiday Parade*

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Camden Community Center

3369 Union Ave. 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  Gel-crackin'!

Grab your bib and join the us for a parade of food! An all-you-can-eat feast of mouth watering cold cracked dungenous crab, shrimp, italian sausage and peppers, cheese pizza, pasta, garlic bread and green salad awaits you!

6:00pm - 7:00pm: Social Hour with No-Host Wine & Beer

7:00pm - 9:00pm: All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast

8:00pm - 10:00 pm: Silent Auction and Raffle

\$50.00 per ticket or purchase a table of 10 for \$450.00 (a \$50.00 savings). Reserve your table today!

To make your reservation or for more information please contact Edwin Cortez at (408) 793-4170 or [edwin.cortez@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:edwin.cortez@sanjoseca.gov).

Simonds Elementary School as well as assisting seniors at the Terreno Gardens Convalescent Hospital. **The Key Club is the world's largest high school organization devoted to providing service to communities and its school.** Through their countless hours of volunteer work, high school students gain experience in the areas of leadership, responsibility and teamwork. **Leland High School's Key Club is responsible for one of the largest annual Family Giving Tree Campaigns within the City of San Jose and perhaps the State of California.**



## City Wide Phone List

Call Center	535-3500
Police Non-Emergency	311
Code Enforcement	277-4528
Animal Care	578-7297
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-STOP
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
DOT	277-4373
Environmental Services	535-8550

## Author to Speak at Almaden Library & Community Center

Save the date! Saturday, February 16th, Bo Caldwell, author of this year's Silicon Valley Reads title, *The Distant Land of My Father: A Novel of Shanghai*, will be speaking at the Almaden Library. This debut novel of a Cupertino author tells the story of betrayal and reconciliation spanning several years across two continents. Readers throughout Silicon Valley are invited to read the book and discuss it at a number of public events, one of which will be held in Almaden this year. This is the sixth year for Silicon Valley Reads, a countywide program that strives to build a sense of community through dialogue among widely diverse readers.

## Neighborhood Center

## Public Safety Update

### San Jose's South Police Substation Project Moves Forward

The long awaited project, scheduled to be complete in 2009, will greatly

enhance San Jose Police Department's ability to serve the District 10 community. The new, state of the art building will house 30 percent of the police department's work force and provide critical backup for emergency communications in the case of a disaster. It will also provide a convenient place for residents who would like to file a crime report, speak with an officer or inquire about an impounded vehicle to do so 24 hours per day.

The primary source of funding for the project is a multi-million dollar bond that was approved by voters five years ago. All contractor bids on the project came in above the city's estimates, so I contributed \$2.3 million dollars of District 10 Capital Dollars to cover a large portion of the funding gap. Those dollars came from the sale of City-owned surplus property in our District and would have gone back to the General Fund and does not jeopardize our District money. Completing this project will greatly enhance the safety of District 10 residents and this contribution will make construction possible.

The creation of the substation will not only enhance the department's ability to fight crime, it will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions from police cars. Many police officers live in District 10 and South County and they are currently required to drive downtown to check in, drive back out to District 10 and back into downtown to book a suspect. Finally, officers are required to go back downtown at the end of their shift. Not only is all this driving harmful to the environment, the hour it takes officers to drive downtown is an hour that the officers are not where they need to be.

### **Oakridge Community Policing Center to Remain Open**

Residents always have the ability to speak with a police officer, file an accident report, turn over weapons or schedule an appointment to fingerprint their children at the Oakridge Community Policing Center. The center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Tuesday and Thursday 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. Officers at the center can also be reached by phone (408) 360-8350.

### **New Southern Division Captain Selected**

Captain Dave Cavallaro's exemplary service to the Southern Division has lead to his promotion to Deputy Chief of the Bureau of Administration. In his new role, Dave will be responsible for recruiting, hiring and training of police officers and non sworn staff, permits, secondary employment units, the new police substation project, EVOC center, and other infrastructure projects.

Taking over the position of Southern Division Captain will be Vaughan Edwards. Vaughan has 30 years in law enforcement, 25 with San Jose Police Department and 5 years with the Santa Clara County District Attorney Bureau of Investigations. He is returning to the Bureau of Field Operations as the Southern Division Commander. He was most recently assigned as the commander of the San Jose Police Department Assaults/Juvenile and Missing Persons Unit. Previously, he was the commander of the Santa Clara County Regional Auto Theft Task Force. In addition to working as a patrol officer, supervisor and lieutenant he has been assigned to the Homicide Unit, Internal Affairs Unit, Training Unit, Special Operations; M.E.R.G.E. and the Burglary Prevention Unit.

Hazardous Materials	277-4659
Housing	535-3860
Neighborhood Development Center	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	534-2900
Vehicle Abatement	277-5305
Gang Hotline	293-4264
Anti-Graffiti/Litter	277-3208

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## **San Jose Police Sting Operation recovers explosives and weaponry and hundreds of thousands of dollars in stolen merchandise**

Hats off to the San Jose Police department for orchestrating an enormously successful sting operation in collaboration with Santa Clara Police Department! For more information, please view the article on the San Jose Mercury News [website](#)

## **Important Information Regarding Mail Theft Prevention**

*Guest Article Courtesy of Len Procker, Pierce Ranch Neighborhood Group*

One of our mailmen tells me that there has been a surge in mail thefts from mailboxes in Pierce Ranch. He urged me to let our community know about this threat. Although a suspected mail thief was caught late last year, it is important to remain vigilant because this type of crime has become prevalent.

The thieves appear to follow the mail route - they don't waste their time on empty boxes. They take all of the mail from several boxes, go a short distance away, and sort through it. They are looking for the ready-to-go credit card checks that come in the mail all the time from Visa, MasterCard, etc. and pre-approved credit card applications. Especially hard hit is anyone who lets their mail sit in the mailbox for days; this is the "mother lode" giving the thieves several days results with only one theft.

We've all read in the paper about the toll that various frauds and identity theft can take on a family, since this is happening now, it's clear to me that we need to act quickly to protect ourselves.

### **TIPS**

- **Get your mail right away!** If you hear the mailman, go out to the mailbox and get your mail immediately. If you have responsible children, have them get the mail when they hear the mailman. Look around, too. See if anyone you don't know is hanging around. Yes? Then call 911; give a thorough description.

- **Never leave your mail in your mailbox for multiple days** or overnight. If you can get your mail every day and your neighbor can't, ask them if they want you to pick up their mail for them.

- If you can't be bothered with any of this, install a **locking mailbox** or get a box at the post office.

- **For outgoing mail, don't leave bills with checks in them in the mailbox.** Either drop them off at the post office or wait until you hear the mailman and his arrival on your street is imminent. Never leave your flag up - 99% of us get mail every day and the mailman will be opening your mailbox whether the flag is up or not. For the future you should call your credit card company(s) and ask them to stop sending you pre-approved checks, balance transfer checks, etc.

- If you subscribe to Netflix or similar services that deliver DVDs, CDs or discs, be sure to drop them off at the Post Office if possible. Some thieves will travel down an entire street, opening mailboxes simply to collect any of these easily spotted movie-service envelopes.

**Remember, this will not stop the unsolicited credit card applications from hotel chains, etc. Therefore the mail will always be problematic and it's important to take one or more of the mail protection actions above.**

## **World Calendar February 2008**

*This month Superbowl XLII will be held at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, a partial Solar eclipse will occur over eastern Australia, Antarctica and New Zealand, and Lunar New Year will be celebrated by Asian communities around the world.*

**Sun., Feb. 3rd:**

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

**District 10 Neighborhood  
Commission Caucus Planning  
Meeting**

Almaden Community Center; 6445  
Camden Avenue

**Sun., Feb. 3rd:**

5:00 – 8:30 pm

**[Leland](#) Bridge Night**

Leland High School ; 6677 Camden  
Avenue

**Tues., Feb. 5th:**

Polls open 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

**California Presidential Primary  
Election**

Visit [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org) to find your  
polling place

**Wed., Feb. 6th:**

9:45 am – 11:00 am

**[Almaden Senior](#) Association**

Almaden Community Center; 6445  
Camden Avenue

**Monday, February 11th:**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Almaden Valley Community  
Association ([AVCA](#)) meeting**

Almaden Community Center; 6445  
Camden Avenue

**Thursday , February 14th:**

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Santa Teresa Foothills  
Neighborhood Association  
([STFNA](#))**

Southside Community Center

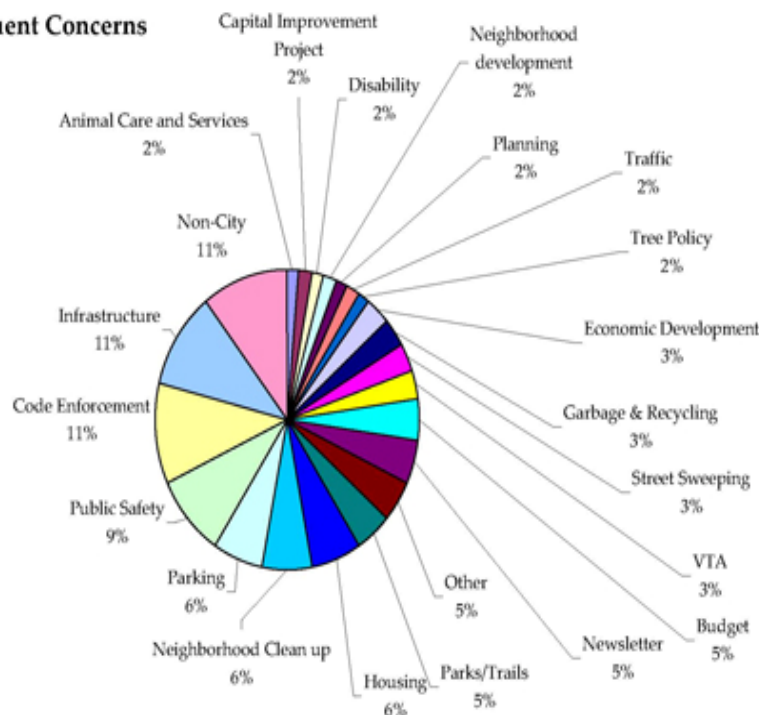
# Westfield Oakridge Update

2007 was great but 2008 is off to an even better start! Disney just opened up their new store at Oakridge as did the wonderful high fashion women's shoe store "Mindy Moon." Over the next few months renovations are taking place that will have Sephora and Coach opening before summer and new upgraded Express, Bath and Body Works and Anchor Blue stores. The new Brookstone is also a big hit and 4 more exciting additions are nearing completion of negotiation. For those who filled out District 10's Economic Development survey in 2007 or attend our Retail Coming Attractions Forum, you may recall that Sephora and Coach were near the top of the list for South San Jose shoppers. **We appreciate Westfield Oakridge's continued support at many of our District 10 community events!**

## City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at 200 East Santa Clara Street. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at [www.sanjoseca.gov](http://www.sanjoseca.gov) or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.

## January 2008 Constituent Concerns



"Trust life, and it will teach you, in joy and sorrow, all you need to know. "  
~ James Baldwin, Novelist

**Wednesday, February 20th:**

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

[Hoffman Via Monte](#)

**Neighborhood Action Coalition  
Monthly Meeting**

Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood  
Center; 1180 Blossom Hill Road, #2

**Tues., Feb. 26th:**

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

[VEP](#) **Neighborhood Association  
Monthly Meeting**

Vista Park Community Room; Hyde  
Park Dr. & New Compton Drive

## February Trivia

***Q: What is the only U.S. state  
to allow its residents to cast  
absentee ballots from outer  
space?***

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**-Trivia Answer -**

**A: Texas. Most astronauts live  
near the Johnson Space Center  
in Houston.**